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# *CDS Announcement*

## **Discontinuance of the CDS Alert Service**

Beginning with the 2007 subscription year, the weekly Alert Service will be discontinued.

This decision was reached because of financial consideration due primarily to the declining customer base for the Alert Service. Also, the migration of the CDS MARC Distribution Services to a new server-based environment will be complete before the end of 2006 and the mainframe will be shut down. The revenue from the Alert Service is not sufficient to warrant allocating limited CDS programmer resources to rewrite the mainframe programs used to produce the Alert Service.

As possible alternatives to the Alert Service, subscribers can consider Web or Z39.50 access to LC's OPAC at <https://catalog.loc.gov> or subscriptions to the MARC Distribution services. See [www.loc.gov/cds/mds.html](http://www.loc.gov/cds/mds.html) for additional information about these services.

We hope the Alert files have been useful to you and regret any inconvenience the termination of this service may cause.

Questions about this change can be directed to:

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